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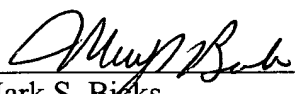
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Sir:

In response to the June 11, 2008 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant provisionally elects the embodiment of Figs. 1 and 2, if no generic claim is found allowable. Claims 1-5 and 9-10 read on the elected species and are generic.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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